

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this

week's edition, Gen. Gregory Martin, USAFE commander, shares his thoughts on tolerance; housing at Royal Air Force Feltwell, England, gets a facelift; and more.

News briefs

Night flying next week

People are reminded the 52nd Fighter Wing has scheduled night-flying Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Flights should be completed by 10 p.m. each day.

Force protection

While the base remains in a heightened state of force protection, base officials remind people to remain vigilant and not to become complacent.

Check vehicles before getting in, and report suspicious activities and packages. Remind family members to do the same.

Job fair

The civilian personnel office sponsors a job fair 2-6 p.m. Monday in the Spangdahlem Air Base officers club. Depending upon background checks, officials said there is the potential for on-the-spot hiring.

For more information, call Jane Allen at 452-9491.

Air travel restrictions

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing scheduled to PCS or go TDY on commercial air are required to arrive at their respective airport three to four hours before scheduled flight time.

All travelers are now also required to call SATO Travel at 0800-8268960 or the airline before leaving the local area to confirm reservations and flight status. If unable to contact either, call the military passenger travel section here at 452-6661.

Base traffic management officials recommend people arrive the day before the scheduled flight and spend the night. Travelers will be paid per diem for meals and lodging.

For military travel pay questions, call 452-6730.

Mail restrictions lifted

Military postal officials lifted restrictions limiting United States-bound mail to 13 ounces. European Command officials said commercial airlift to move both parcel and

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Staff Sgt. Cindy York
Capt. Charlie Wahl, 81st Fighter Squadron weapons officer, refuels on the way back to Spangdahlem Air Base from Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria. Members of the 81st FS and other Spangdahlem AB units deployed for Cooperative Key '01. The exercise, which involved 25 nations, tested the interoperability of NATO and Partnership for Peace nations in peacetime support operations. To see more from this exercise, turn to Page 4.

81st FS Panthers return from Bulgaria after taking part in multinational exercise

A-10s first U.S. fighter jets to operate from country

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Members of the 81st Fighter Squadron and other units around Spangdahlem Air Base recently returned from Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria, where they participated in Cooperative Key '01.

The exercise, which included 25 nations and a number of different aircraft, tested the interoperability between North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Partnership for Peace nations in peacetime support operations.

For three days, the scenario showed a nation attempting to take over another. The test was for PfP and NATO to send a force into a neighboring country to support and protect

refugees of the nation under attack.

The 81st, which was the first and only U.S. fighter unit to fly out of Bulgaria, arrived early, however, for a bilateral weapons training deployment. With a good range and nice weather, Maj. Pat McKeever, 81st FS deputy director of operations, said they were given the opportunity to do air-to-surface training they can't easily do in Germany.

"The weather is typically much nicer in Bulgaria and they also have a good range available to take care of required pilot weapons training," McKeever said.

Probably more exciting to the pilots, however, was the chance to train with and fly against Bulgarian air force MiG 21s and 29s, along with SU-25s. That experience, according to McKeever, was a chance in a lifetime.

"It's a great and unique opportunity to train with and against

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Defense Department authorizes Stop-Loss measures

WASHINGTON — The secretary of defense has authorized the use of Stop-Loss measures to support President George W. Bush's campaign against terrorism, Air Force officials at the Pentagon said Sept. 20.

Donald H. Rumsfeld made the decision, which gives service departments the authority to retain members beyond established dates of separation or retirement, Sept. 19, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief

of promotion, evaluation and separation policy for the Air Force.

"The purpose of this action is to meet mission requirements in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and any follow-on operations regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation," she said.

Those attacks, in which hijackers flew airliners into New York's World Trade Centers, in addition to the Pentagon, killed

thousands of Americans and sent shockwaves throughout the world. In a Sept. 20 address to Congress, President Bush responded to the attacks by essentially declaring war on the world's network of terrorism.

As a result, as many as 50,000 reservists — including people in each branch of service — have been called to active duty in recent days. Title 10 of U.S. Code permits

the president to enact Stop-Loss measures when such a call-up takes place, Middleton said.

"Title 10 permits the president to suspend any provision of law relating to promotions, retirements and separations during any period when members of any reserve component are on active duty under

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Stop-Loss

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involuntary mobilization authorities," she said.

Middleton said the Air Force will employ a "total force approach" to capitalize on the unique composition of each force element, including active duty members, Guard and Reserve.

Capt. Amy Anderson, chief of retirement and separation policy for the Air Force, said the key would be to ensure the service retains the critical skills needed for mission requirements. At least for the short-term future, the policy will affect all bluesuiters.

"The initial Stop-Loss period for all Air Force specialties will be for at least 30 days," she said. "All retirement, separation or component transfer actions will be suspended until termination of Stop-Loss, unless an exemption is applicable or waiver is granted. This (Air Force Specialty Code) list will be revised and made available to the public as

requirements are validated."

A few exceptions will apply, Anderson said.

"This suspension does not apply to the mandatory separation or retirement because of disabilities or hardships," she said. "But, officers being separated due to nonselection to captain, major or lieutenant colonel will not be exempted."

The captain added that separating or retiring members who, as of Sept. 22, have an approved effective date on or before Oct. 1, or who had made arrangements to ship household goods on or before Oct. 1, are exempt from Stop-Loss. In addition, those people serving an overseas unaccompanied assignment where the tour length is 15 months or less, and who will retire or separate upon tour completion, are also exempt.

People who might be affected by Stop-Loss are encouraged to call Tech. Sgt. Diana Pierce at 452-6255. (Air Force Print News)

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former Soviet Union-trained operators and equipment. It's cool talking to guys who've flown MiG 21s and 29s for 25 years," he said. "This is the threat we've been trained to be prepared for."

The excitement wasn't one-way, though. According to Bulgarian air force Maj. Svetlan Stoyanov, MiG 21 squadron commander, the experience was "unbelievable."

Because the Bulgarian jets are so much different, Stoyanov said he's never seen such maneuvering before.

"Our aircraft are very different from the A-10s - they're not so maneuverable. MiG 21s can climb, which is a benefit over the A-10. My aircraft is much faster and that makes it difficult

to attack the A-10 in a dogfight because it's so much slower."

Flying opportunities in the Bulgarian air force are not as open as in the U.S. Air Force. For example, Stoyanov, 35, has been a pilot for 12 years and he has about 1,000 hours in the MiG 21.

In comparison, McKeever has been an A-10 pilot for four years, and he has about the same amount of hours.

Stoyanov said he's proud to say he's flown against the A-10s and appreciates the time the 81st FS took with their pilots.

"We need help from the Americans and others to decide which way the Bulgarian air force will go in the future," Stoyanov said. "This was so incredible. This was a great experience. Now we know what we need to improve and how we go about it. Now we know what real dogfights look like."

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letter-class mail is now available.

However, new Federal Aviation Administration security standards for passenger airlines caused the U.S. Postal Service to temporarily mandate the use of cargo shippers such as Federal Express to move U.S.-origin mail overseas. Parcel mail is consequently arriving at international airports not previously used for this purpose, adding a day or two to delivery times.

EUCOM postal officials said the 13-ounce restriction might again be imposed if airlines change their policy.

For more information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office at 452-7182.

Court-martial

A panel of officers and enlisted members sentenced Airman Allan P. James, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional) fuels specialist, to two years confinement for drug-related offenses following a Sept. 14 general court-martial.

The panel also sentenced James to a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to airman basic.

James pleaded guilty to one specification each of use and distribution of ecstasy, both on repeated occasions between June 12, 2000, and May 20, 2001.

Weapons competitions

The 52nd Fighter Wing load crew and jammer driver of the quarter competitions take place Oct. 5, beginning at 7 a.m. in Hangar 1.

Competition begins with a toolbox and equipment inspection for load crews and a uniform inspection for jammer drivers. Afterward, load crews take an academic test followed by a uniform inspection. Weapons loads and driving skills assessments begin at 8:30 a.m.

An award ceremony follows competition at 4 p.m. in Hangar 1.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Alexander Barnett at 452-6273.

Commercial flights uniform ban

WASHINGTON — Air Force people are no longer authorized to wear their uniforms when traveling aboard commercial aircraft, Air Force officials said.

The uniform prohibition, approved by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, Sept. 21, is directly related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

"The bottom line is force protection," said Lt. Col. Bruce Lovely, chief of Air Force quality of life and uniform activities. "Due to our concern for force protection, we want to make our folks less visible on commercial aircraft."

The policy ends the June 2000 recommendation that colonels and above, and chief master sergeants, wear their uniforms when traveling on official orders within the United States. (Air Force Print News)

Base water notice rescinded

Base health officials have rescinded the boil-water notice for Spangdahlem Air Base. Boiling water for cooking and drinking is no longer necessary. Two consecutive days of water samples collected throughout the system indicate the bacterial problem is now corrected. The bioenvironmental engineering flight continually monitors the drinking water system to ensure the health and safety of Team Eifel. If problems that present health risk occur, people are notified so they may take appropriate protective actions.

Spangdahlem Air Base has implemented a multi-million dollar project to upgrade the base water production, treatment, storage and distribution system which will reduce the chance this problem will occur in the future. Construction is now in progress.

Accidents

(Editor's note: The term *airman* in this article does not necessarily mean Air Force people in the grades E-1 through E-4, but a generic term for all Air Force members.)

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Fourteen Team Eifel members had vehicle accidents in the past two weeks, one of which was major.

The major accident happened on B-50, one kilometer from Bitburg. Investigation by security forces revealed the airman fell asleep behind the wheel and struck eight meters of guardrail. The vehicle was totaled but he wasn't injured.

The 13 minor accidents involved:

- Two for speed too fast for road conditions.
- Two accidents occurred while backing.
- Eight were from inattentive driving.
- One animal strike

In addition, 24 citations were issued.

People are reminded to anticipate extreme congestion at base entry points. Military personnel are required to comply with the wing anti-terrorism/force protection plan with regards to authorized parking and transportation to and from key locations and work.

Compliance is mandatory and will be strictly enforced by commanders and supervisors. German national and civilian employees are highly encouraged to comply as well. Carpooling is necessary to alleviate parking problems.

For more information, call bioenvironmental engineering at 452-8348.

Consular Outreach Day

A Consular Outreach Day by the American Consulate General in Frankfurt takes place Oct. 10 in building 131 in the testing room on the third floor on Spangdahlem Air Base.

Representatives from the consulate will accept tourist passport applications and answer questions concerning citizenship, immigration, naturalization and passports. While the passports won't be processed on the spot, the turn-around times will be considerably less — a week or two as compared to four or six.

To apply, people need to bring evidence of U.S. citizenship, name change documentation if applicable, money order and two identical two-inch by two-inch photos.

For more information and passport prices, call Rita Merkes, personal affairs assistant, at 452-6813.

'Use or lose' leave

WASHINGTON — Active-duty Air Force people won't lose any accumulated annual leave in excess of 60 days - commonly referred to as "use or lose" leave - as a consequence of operations resulting from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

People who do accumulate more than 60 days, as a result of being recalled from or not being allowed to take annual leave, are able to keep up to 90 days of annual leave until the end of fiscal 2002, said Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

Any scheduled leave lost between Sept. 11 and 30 will be restored, said Maj. Karen Corrente, Air Force Travel, Transportation and Benefits Policy chief at the Pentagon.

"However, this restored leave must be used by the end of September 2002," she said.

Air Force personnel officials said specific details on policy adjustments would be forthcoming. (Air Force Print News)

Hate crimes on rise across America

In wake of terrorist attacks, officials remind of UCMJ punishment for discriminatory conduct

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Hate crimes are reportedly on the rise across America in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Sept. 11.

But, even as they assist in cleanup and recovery operations at the Pentagon, Air Force officials are quick to remind bluesuiters everywhere of Air Force policy regarding such conduct.

"It will not be tolerated in the Air Force," said Bob Cook, Air Force Equal Opportunity Policy chief at the Pentagon. "Commanders have been urged at all levels to remain vigilant and take prompt, appropriate action with members of their commands who fail to meet Air Force standards. Discriminatory treatment in any form, including against

individuals of Arab-American, Middle Eastern or Muslim descent, simply will not be tolerated."

People who violate this policy are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. To date, Cook said only one Air Force incident has been reported.

People should immediately report all incidents relating to hate crimes, discrimination or harassment to local military equal opportunity offices, Cook said.

Air Force leaders have expressed a personal concern and determination that Air Force people will not be subjected to inappropriate treatment because of their national origin, religious beliefs or physical appearance.

Arab-Americans and members of Islamic faith groups are part of our American society and the Air Force, and they should not be unfairly targeted for attacks on America, Cook said.

Islam is a religion based on the teachings of the prophet Mohammed. The more than 1.2 billion people who practice the faith worldwide are known as Muslims. They believe in

one God, Allah, and abide by religious laws written in the Koran, Islam's holy book.

Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the United States. The Council on American-Islamic Relations estimated in 1999 that there were 6 million Muslims in America, compared to 2 million in the early 1970s. Nearly half are African-American converts. The rest are immigrants from India, Pakistan, and Arab and African nations.

The fundamental principles expressed in the Islam Constitution — liberty, justice, equality and opportunity — are the same fundamental values of Muslims, Christians and Jews.

"Unfortunately, the suffering, loss of life, grief and anger we are experiencing as a result of the tragic acts of terrorism may cause some of our people to react negatively and forget this basic tenet," Cook said. "For that reason, people must be even more vigilant and proactive to prevent these acts and, when necessary, respond to acts of harassment or discrimination."

OPSEC critical everyday, everywhere

By Capt. Elizabeth A. Ortiz
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs Office

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Operations security, or OPSEC, is a key component of antiterrorism and force protection. It helps protect service members, civilian employees, families, facilities and equipment everywhere by denying information.

Good OPSEC practices are important, especially now in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, said Capt. Jim Williamson, OPSEC program manager for U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

"Simply put, OPSEC is all about denying the bad guys information so we can protect personnel and maximize mission effectiveness," said Williamson, whose job includes ensuring critical information is protected throughout USAFE.

Antiterrorism relies heavily on OPSEC, according to Air Force Instruction 10-1101, Operations Security. When people identify and protect critical information (military operations, capabilities, limitations, intentions, personnel, programs), OPSEC becomes a proactive means by which adversaries are denied this important advantage, Williamson said.

"Even if you're not part of operations, OPSEC still applies to you," he said. "We all possess critical information the adversary wants."

References to this information are maintained on a critical information list, commonly known as a CIL, Williamson said. The lists should be kept handy, like by the telephone, for convenient reference. Unit OPSEC managers are responsible for tailoring the CIL to their particular work areas and distributing it throughout their units.

"If a person needs to discuss critical information, they should use a secure telephone — remembering appropriate security clearance does not constitute a need to know," he said.

Government telephones are subject to monitoring at all times.

Since force protection and antiterrorism protect the Air Force's most precious asset — its people — it is critical OPSEC be scrupulously applied Air Force-wide everywhere, every day, Williamson said.

"While OPSEC has received increased attention lately, it's important all the time," he

said. "The adversary isn't just seeking information during time of conflict. He's patiently waiting and collecting it all the time."

People should be careful of what they throw in the trash because "one man's trash is another man's treasure," Williamson said.

Cell phones, while extremely convenient, are one of the easiest means of communication to monitor, he said. No critical information should be discussed on a cell phone.

While there is no critical information list for family members, Williamson said they should stop to consider if what they are talking about would be of interest to someone collecting information.

"We all have a role in OPSEC, and that includes family members," he said. "Information such as the cancellation of leave or work schedules can provide the adversary with another piece of the overall puzzle he's trying to piece together."

"It's everyone's job to protect their piece of the puzzle."

OPSEC also focuses on observable actions. According to Williamson, an adversary creates a profile by simply observing people's daily activities.

People increase the value of that profile to the adversary if they are predictable with their actions, he said. The observable action (or indicator) becomes yet another piece of the overall information puzzle.

If the adversary observes the same action carried out in the same way at the same time, then they can easily identify not only routine activities, but deviations as well, he said.

"For example, if the same exact patrol route were followed at the same exact time every day, the patrol would quickly become predictable," Williamson said. "If the patrol were suddenly not there, that would be an indication of a change to the mission."

If an action is random to begin with, the adversary is left guessing, and "that's the point of OPSEC," Williamson said.

"OPSEC is important both on and off duty. We're all very proud of the work we do, but the particulars are not for everyone's ears," he said. "The adversary is real, he's listening, and he wants to know what you know."

Holiday greetings team embarks upon the Eifel

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Members of Team Eifel will soon have a chance to shine for friends and family members in the states with Hometown Holiday Greetings.

A video team from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Agency visits Spangdahlem Air Base Oct. 7-9 to videotape holiday message greetings of uniformed members as well as U.S. civilians who will not be home for the holidays.

To sign up for the taping event, which will take place in Hangar 1 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 7 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 8-9, call the public affairs office at 452-6833 or 452-4251. People at Buechel can call Capt. Brian Hollomon at 452-7340, ext. 211. Appointments, which are strongly recommended, will be scheduled in five-minute increments.

Before heading over to send holiday cheer, there are a few important steps which must be followed to make the process go smoothly. First, the newest television stars out of Team Eifel should bring stateside addresses of family members. The taping team will have the customers sign release forms and also have them provide telephone numbers and addresses, including correct zip codes, of

greeting recipients in the United States.

Providing accurate information will allow hometown television stations to contact families to let them know when to watch for the greeting.

Team Eifel members are encouraged to bring family members along to tape the greetings, but all active-duty members must be in uniform.

Next, there are certain things that should be included in messages. Messengers should tell who they are, where they are stationed, who the message is going out to and where that person lives. An example is, "Season's

Greetings from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. I'm Staff Sgt. Jane Doe, and this is my husband John, and our son, James. We'll be in Germany for the holidays, but we want to wish the Doe family in Vincennes, Indiana, a happy holiday season."

People who are scheduled to PCS prior to the holiday season, or are planning to be home during that time, are not eligible to use the holiday greetings program.

So, enjoy your 15 minutes of fame, and let your friends and family back home know you are thinking about them from across the ocean.

Greetings information

Appointments are available Oct. 7 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Oct. 8 and 9 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People at Spangdahlem Air Base can call the public affairs office at 452-6833 or 452-4251. People at Buechel can call Capt. Brian Hollomon at 452-7340, ext. 211.

Active-duty military members are reminded to be in uniform.

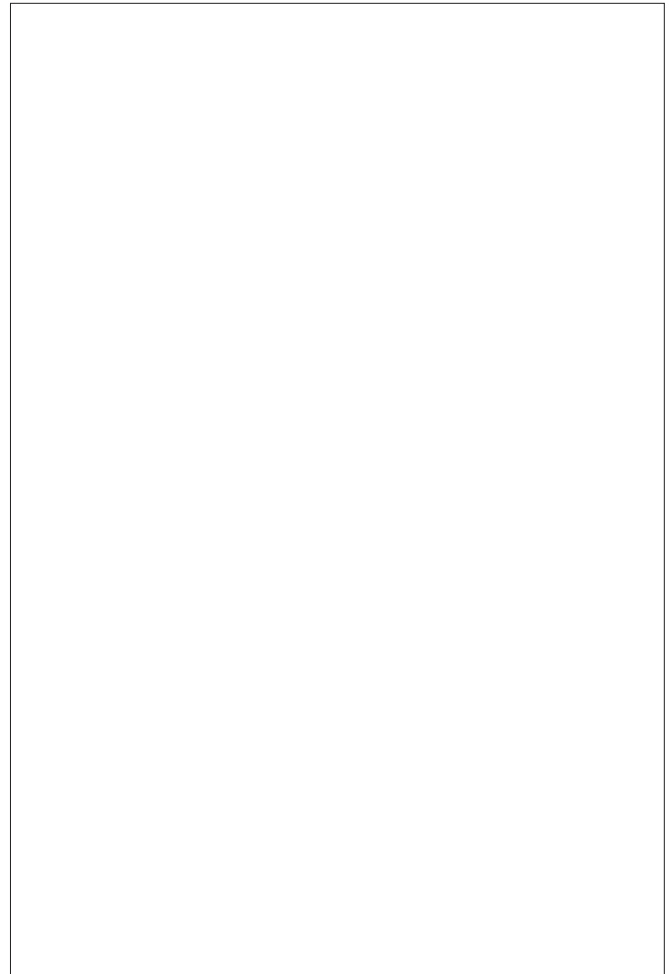


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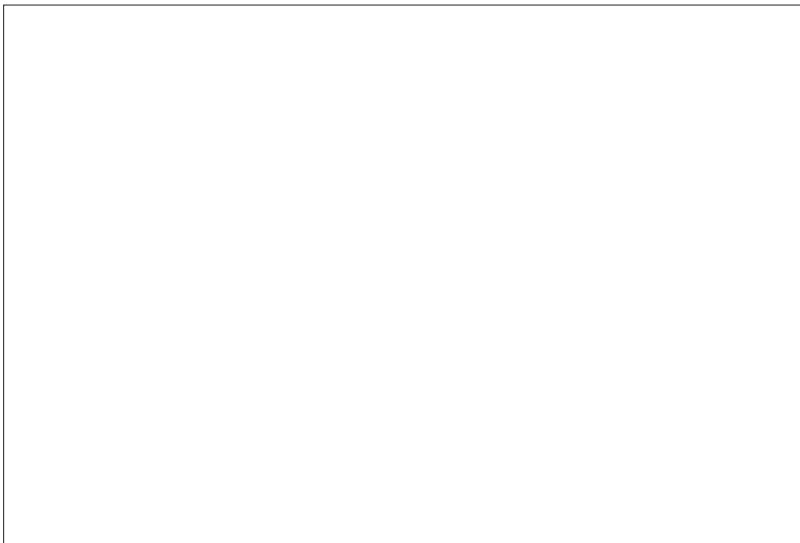
Staff Sgt. Cindy York

Senior Airman Curt McBroom, 52nd Component Repair Squadron egress journeyman, lifts the seat of an A-10 to look for possible foreign objects. McBroom deployed with the 81st Fighter Squadron to Cooperative Key '01.



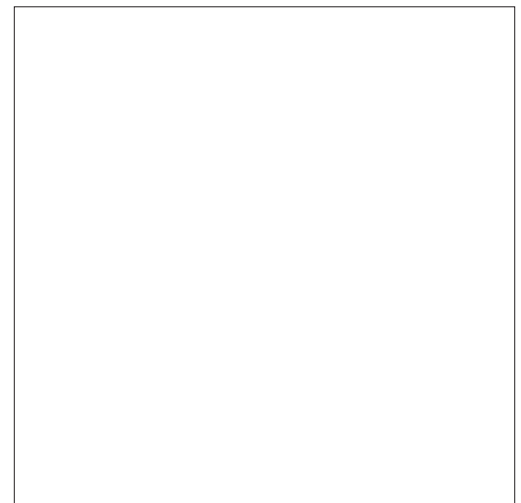
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Tech. Sgt. Jonathan McCullough, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft repair and reclamation technician, checks oil on the auxillary power unit of an A-10 at Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria.



Staff Sgt. Cindy York

Maj. (Dr.) Pete Kovats, 81st Fighter Squadron flight doctor, gets oriented with the MiG 21, courtesy of Bulgarian air force Maj. Svetlan Stoyanov, MiG 21 squadron commander. During the 25-nation Partnership for Peace/NATO exercise Cooperative Key, 81st FS pilots flew against Bulgarian MiG 21s, MiG 29s and SU-25s, as well as a variety of other aircraft from around the world.



Staff Sgt. Cindy York

Airman 1st Class David Wright, 81st Fighter Squadron crew chief, checks out the shattered windscreen of an A-10 at Graf Ignatievo Air Base, Bulgaria. The damage happened on the last day of Cooperative Key when a bird flew into the windscreen of the aircraft.

Community Mailbox

Service Credit Union

Due to a computer conversion, Service Credit Union closes Saturday. Once completed, it will be able to offer more options to members and speed service, said Diane Blake, assistant manager. Also, all branches of Community Bank close Wednesday for German Reunification Day; however, ATM machines are available for U.S. dollar and DM transactions.

Eifel Spotlight closure

Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex Eifel Spotlight locations close Saturday and Sunday for year-end inventories.

Holiday bazaar

Private organizations interested in operating a food booth at the 2001 Eifel Holiday Bazaar should request applications by Monday. Call Diane McNamara at 06562-932840, Roberta Shipp at 06575-903414 or e-mail foodbooth01@aol.com for details.

Barbershop hours

Beginning Oct. 6, the Bitburg Annex barbershop opens at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

Special Children's Day

Due to recent events, Special Children's Day has been indefinitely postponed.

Swimming vouchers

Military ID cardholders can now receive a



Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

In Remembrance

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mertzluft, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, plays taps while Master Sgt. Michael Kirsch, 22nd Fighter Squadron first sergeant, salutes during the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony held at the Spangdahlem Air Base memorial Sept. 21.

voucher at various 52nd Services Squadron facility for a 30-percent discount on day swimming passes at Cascades. The voucher and ID card must be presented at the Cascades register to receive the discount.

People can pick up vouchers at youth, child development, fitness and community centers, outdoor recreation or Information, Tickets and Tours.

The voucher is valid on day swimming passes and can't be used for the sauna, combined swim/sauna pass or hourly tickets. It's also not valid with any other discount.

Girl Scouts

Registration for the upcoming Girl Scout year is underway. To register or for more information, call Nicole Pendley at 06561-949101. In addition, leaders are needed. For more, call Karen Lage, the Girl Scout volunteer coordinator, at 06561-948951.

Give Parents a Break

Free childcare certificates through Give Parents a Break, good at child development centers or youth programs, are available from first sergeants and the family support center.

Friday care is 6:30-11:30 p.m. and

Saturday care from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dates for the free care are:

■Oct. 12 or 13 at Bitburg Annex locations

■Nov. 16 or 17 at Spangdahlem Air Base locations

■Dec. 14 or 15 at Bitburg Annex locations

Education news

■Applications for Term 2 (Oct. 29 to Dec. 21) spouse tuition assistance are due Oct. 5. Applications are available in the education center and Bitburg Annex Post Office.

■University of Maryland offers an academic adviser visit Oct. 12. Stop by the education center to make an appointment.

■The Air Force Spouses Scholarship program assists 30 spouses worldwide with \$1,000 scholarships toward associate or bachelor degree programs. Applications are available in the education center. Deadline to apply is Nov. 1. Scholarships are awarded at the end of January.

■First-time enlistees who enlisted May 5, 2000, or later and have outstanding college student loans may be eligible for the College Loan Repayment Plan.

■The Top-Up Program allows the Veterans Administration to pay Montgomery GI Bill members' tuition and fees not covered by Air Force tuition assistance programs.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
- Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

- Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Saturday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

- Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight
- Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.

BITBURG ANNEX

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Saturday, 5 a.m.-7 p.m.

Commissary

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Shoppette

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Car care center

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oberweiss Annex

Pet spa

- Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CFC includes terrorist attack relief funds

Annual fund-raiser adds organizations for Sept. 11 victims

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, the director of the Office of Personnel and Management has authorized special solicitations of federal employees — including Defense Department civilian and military — and other initiatives to provide relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In a Sept. 12 memorandum for heads of federal departments and agencies, OPM

Director Kay Cole James wrote: "In view of the magnitude of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, I am authorizing department and agency heads to allow a special solicitation of federal employees at the workplace.

"Such a special solicitation will allow federal employees to assist the ongoing relief efforts in New York City and the National Capital Area with a one-time cash or check donation, outside the normal CFC procedures," she added.

Additionally, "a number of special relief funds have been created or will be created to deal with the relief efforts in the New York City and National Capital areas," James noted in the memo.

DOD's CFC campaign and associated terrorist victim relief solicitations "are starting up already for those organizations

that have received supplies and have had their CFC key workers and team captains trained," said W. Stephen Kelly, director of Washington Headquarters Services' voluntary campaign management office. DOD's CFC ceremonial kickoff, he added, is slated Tuesday.

Kelly recommends military and DOD civilians use their CFC pledge cards to choose payroll deduction contributions, noting organizations are currently receiving "record amounts of cash and checks" earmarked for terrorist attack disaster relief.

"I'm confident they would also strongly welcome payroll deductions, knowing such deductions for understandable reasons tend to be four to five times larger than cash or check contributions, and keep coming to them across the year," he remarked.

A number of charitable organizations that

take part in CFC are involved in the New York and Washington relief efforts, James said. Employees can continue to direct their contributions to designated charities during the CFC. However, she added, "the CFC of the National Capital Area and the New York City CFC are uniquely equipped to receive and distribute employee contributions, either to existing CFC charities that are involved in relief efforts" or to the specially created relief funds.

For more information on the Combined Federal Campaign and associated relief efforts for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, see the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

For local information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base representative, Senior Master Sgt. Richard Aldridge at 452-6501.

In the classroom

Mentor program

Volunteers are needed for the Spangdahlem Middle School mentor program beginning Monday. About 50 people are needed to serve as mentors.

Program goals are to improve student ability in setting and achieving goals, recognizing the link between education and work, and to discover and build upon new strengths.

Volunteers need only commit one hour a week to the program. For more information, call Capt. Erik Bruce at 452-7557.

BES PTA meeting

The Bitburg Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association holds a general membership meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Room 31 at BES. Security forces and fire department members will discuss safety issues during the meeting. For more information, call 452-9215.

Harvest Fair

The Spangdahlem Middle School Parent, Teacher, Student Association holds a Harvest Fair 5:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at SMS.

Games, a cakewalk, face painting, a

used book sale, a silent auction, festival food and more are on tap. Admission is free. Game tickets are sold at the fair.

For more information, call Jody Turner at 06575-959127 or e-mail turnertribe@t-online.de or Maria Checkley at 06565-933303.

BMS PTSA meeting

Bitburg Middle School's Parent, Teacher and Student Association meets at 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

Following the meeting will be a chili dinner and membership drive. For more information, call Heather Dittig at 452-9332 or 06561-942710.

Play director

The Spangdahlem Middle School needs someone with a theatrical background to direct its spring play. For more information or to volunteer, call Jeanie McNamara at 452-7255.

Lunchroom monitor

The Spangdahlem Middle School needs a lunchroom monitor for its cafeteria. For more information, call the school at 452-7259.

Fire training

Tech. Sgt. George Deshields, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire fighter, recently practices life saving techniques while rappeling down the fire tower at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Senior Airman Karen Z. Silcott

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Direct Lines of general interest will
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clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680
Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax
to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To
receive a personal response you must
include your name and phone number.
Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for
more information.

Number of days since last DUI:

As of Thursday

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You have a choice.
Call Airmen Against
Drunk Driving
at 452-2233.

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Commander's perspective

Pump up the JAM! Delivering on requests by airmen ups nightlife

By Col. Greg Ihde
52nd Fighter Wing commander

You asked for it and I'm delivering.

In August, I met with airmen in a full-capacity
theater to discuss among other things how to
improve their quality of life, particularly
regarding off-duty activities. That meeting lead to
the creation of JAM! - Just Airmen, an initiative
headed by the 52nd Services Squadron to provide
activities geared toward single airmen Friday and
Saturday nights.

During the past two months, services
conducted six focus groups with airmen, took
surveys and brainstormed to come up with ideas.
Collectively, the airmen wanted places to eat late
at night, trips geared toward single people only,
band performances, later hours on certain
facilities, theme nights, combat dining ins, shuttle
service to local clubs, "midnight" movies, a 24-
hour shoppette, late night bowling, card
tournaments and comedy nights among others.

While some pertain to AAFES, most fall
under the services umbrella. Based upon your
feedback and meetings I've had with the
services commander and staff, here's what

we've been able to deliver so far:

■ **Bowling** — Extended hours to midnight
Friday and Saturday. The snack bar is open until
11 p.m. Themed "glow-bowling" Saturday night,
color-pin and "bring an airmen bounty" bowling.

■ **Clubs** — Extended hours to 4 a.m. Friday
and Saturday. Added pool tournaments, all-niters,
formal dining for airmen, card games on Sunday,
late night food, Football Frenzy with pizza
specials and a designated driver program.

■ **Community center** — Game nights, all-
niters, shows, a Halloween toga party and open
microphone nights.

■ **Outdoor recreation** — River kayaking,
Amsterdam and Oberweiss Annex camping trips
geared toward single airmen only at discounted
prices.

■ **Information, Tickets and Tours** — Trips to
Oberhausen mall, dinner/movie/night club
outings, Halloween at Six Flags, outlet mall in
Zweibruecken, dinner and wine tasting and
Christmas markets all at discounted prices for
single airmen.

■ **Fitness center** - "Midnight madness" sports

(three-on-three events).

■ **Spangdahlem theater** — Added a 9:30-10
p.m. showing Saturday. Depending upon usage,
we may add another showing Friday night as
well. (Thank you AAFES for making this
happen.)

This is just the beginning as more events, trips
and services are in the works for the future.

Now here's the catch — I committed to doing
what I could on my end to get you what you
want, it's up to you to keep it going. If you don't
use it, you run the risk of losing it. AAFES can't
justify showing a late movie for two or three
people. At the same time, the club doesn't profit
off three customers from 2-4 a.m. It's a simple
matter of economics.

While we've geared JAM! toward single
airmen, I ask anyone with ideas or comments to
improve the quality of life for Team Eifel to call
the services marketing and publicity office at
452-6466 and share those.

I want to make this the best assignment ever
for everyone living and working on Spangdahlem
Air Base. This is one of the ways we can make
that happen together.

Reader's thoughts

Greetings to the Eifel,

Several days ago I found myself browsing
the Internet for information relating to the
Eifel region of Germany, where I lived once
and have often thought about since.

In the process, I came upon the Web site
for the Eifel Times. Although I was not
seeking information about Spangdahlem Air
Base particularly, I could not resist taking an
opportunity to take a look at a community
that I had been part of long ago — if even
just for a minute.

Of course the headline story of the events
of Sept. 11 jumped out immediately, as they
have from everywhere, but a couple of other
more mundane items helped me place things
in perspective by demonstrating a continuity
that I didn't realize existed. Let me elaborate.

A brief notice announcing the renovations
of several buildings in the base housing area
caught my eye. Building 404 had been my
home for nearly three years in the late 1950s
and the removal of families made me think of
packing once again. Knowing the old
quarters were still around, though, provided a
strange sense of comfort in a world of often
rapid and uncomfortable changes.

The second notice, that toyland was soon
opening at the BX, brought back further
memories to a former 12 year old who
always awaited this event as a sign the long-

awaited holiday season was finally upon us in
a place that seemed much farther from home
than it must be today.

These two news items that pale next to
other dramatic events of the day represent, at
least to me, an important aspect of military
life I never realized or appreciated fully. That
is that a sense of community exists which is
larger than the people who live in one place
at any given time. It's a continuity of
institutions, be they formal aspects of
organization or informal ties that link people
together. This sense of community was
strong when I lived at Spangdahlem AB and
its strength seems still to persist.

Your newspaper brought back a flood of
memories, some almost overwhelming. But I
won't dwell on these. Although much water
has passed under the bridge, some things
happily have remained the same. And these
are things to draw strength from in uncertain
times.

Kenneth E. Lewis

East Lansing, Mich.

(P.S. Although this is from a ghost from
the past, I feel I needed to share my thoughts
with the members of a community from
which one is never entirely separated.)

Direct Line

Great neighbors

*Question: I just felt moved by the actions of
the German community and I know no other
means to express my thanks to them.*

*In light of the tragic events of Sept. 11, I
would like to take a minute to thank our German
hosts. From my German neighbors who kindly invit-
ed me into their homes to watch the latest develop-
ments on TV, to my German co-workers who stood
beside me during the three-minute silence remem-
brance, to the Germans who placed the beautiful
flowers and candles at our main gate, I thank you for
your condolences, your support, but most of all, your
friendship. Your reaction to events that happened
half a world away has both amazed and inspired me.*

*I wanted you to know that your actions don't go
unnoticed. In times like these, I think it's important to
recognize those whose actions bring rays of hope.*

*Answer: You're absolutely correct; it is impor-
tant to note we are not alone in our time of
grief. During this trying time, our local hosts
have been at our side with moral support and
resources.*

For example, the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16
numerous local groups gathered to remember and
pray for the Americans who lost their lives in the
terrorist attacks that occurred Sept. 11.

We sincerely appreciate the support from all of
our local friends and neighbors. I would like all of us
to take the time to tell our friends how much their
thoughts and prayers meant to us and to thank them
sincerely.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

American Outlaws (PG-13)

As confederate soldiers in the Civil War, the James boys and their cousins the Youngers, became expert killers able to live off the land for long periods of time and practice attacking their enemies' supply lines. The gang would later use the skills they gained from the war against railroads and banks.

Saturday

American Outlaws

Sunday

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

Details are unknown, but one would expect the film would be about explorer Lara Croft and her plundering exploits around the world. She shoots, she runs, she jumps, she wears extremely tight T-shirts ... you get the picture.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Kiss the Dragon (R)

Liu Juan, China's top government agent, arrives in Paris from Shanghai to carry out a sensitive, top-secret mission. Juan is in Paris to assist Richard, an unorthodox police official with a small army to back him up. The mission goes horribly wrong, as the man Juan had come to help, betrays him.

Thursday

Pootie Tang (PG-13)

Pootie Tang is the ultimate super hero. A cool walking, smooth talking ladies man. Everyone looks up to Pootie except for the evil Dick Lecter, the CEO of the company that makes cigarettes, alcohol and fast food.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Summer Catch (PG-13)

Tenley, a wealthy girl on summer vacation with her parents on Cape Cod falls for a local boy Ryan, from a working class family and a pitcher for Boston College who dreams of becoming a big-time baseball star.

Saturday

Summer Catch

Kiss the Dragon (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Pootie Tang

Monday

Pootie Tang

Tuesday

Cats and Dogs (PG)

There's a secret war being waged in the homes and neighborhoods of Earth that humans don't even know about; an eternal struggle between two great armies — the cats and the dogs. Cats plan to destroy a new vaccine, that if developed, would destroy all human allergies to dogs and the dogs try to stop the cats from destroying the vaccine.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Moselland exhibition offers fun for entire family

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The ancient city of Trier hosts its famous Moselland trade and business fair, the largest of its kind, Saturday through Oct. 7.

On a 40,000 square meter area, located just across the Roman Konrad-Adenauer Bridge, Trier's economy and cultural life are brought together.

The exhibition offers fun for the whole family. This year's annual Trier Moselland Fair takes place for the 21st time, providing several hundred exhibitors, of which more than 50 come from 10 different countries and more than 100 from the Trier area. The exhibition features about 10 pavilions filled with items, ranging from daily things to food specialties and specialized or high-tech equipment.

The display is divided into different areas of interest such as; Information and Services, showing off computers, internet, teleshopping, tourist, telecom, electric power, energy conservation, insurances, health counselors, business foundation lectures, chambers of commerce, etc.; Construction and Living, construction materials, patios, open-fire stoves, saunas, furniture, etc.; Sports; Fashion and Accessories, presenting the latest fashion to include cosmetics, etc.; Hobby, demonstrating leisure and hobby equipment; and Home Textiles and Household Items, introducing modern kitchen equipment, clothes, etc.

There's a "fun hall," featuring games, karaoke singing for children and games on a stage (aired on the local RPR radio

station) and more. First-class restaurants and cafe shops invite everyone for a break.

There's a kindergarten where parents can leave their children for a couple of hours while testing equipment. All displays can be found inside the halls. Yellow signs above the entrances state what is inside the hall. A catalog, in German, can be purchased at the door to guide you through the exhibition.

Outside the hall, people can find a variety of different exhibitions as well as fast-food and beverage stands, children's entertainment and more.

The Moselland Fair is open daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Displayed items are not necessarily cheap since they are high quality; however, according to people who have already been, it is definitely an experience to go, watch and enjoy. What is different at the Moselland exhibition is exhibitors ask people to test their equipment. They demonstrate all merchandise and offer samples for visitors to try. Parking is available near the display at low cost.

Mr. Robot, one of many things to see at the Moselland Fair, tells visitors anything they'd like to know about electric energy.

Courtesy photo

To get to the Moselland grounds, take the Autobahn into Trier and stay on the Autobahn road, which automatically becomes the road going into Trier and along the Mosel shore. Take a right onto the third bridge that crosses the Mosel and then take an immediate right into the parking area, follow parking signs.

Sports shorts

Fitness center hours

The Spangdahlem Air Base Fitness Center is now open around the clock, daily. The Bitburg Annex Fitness Center is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Kyll River kayak trip

Outdoor recreation takes a kayak trip Saturday down the Kyll River from the castle in Murlenbach to Kyllburg. The trip includes transportation, kayak rental, wetsuit, guide and instruction. Cost is \$30 per person 12 and older. For more information or to register, call 452-7176.

Canoe, kayak the Mosel

Outdoor recreation takes people on a choice of a canoe or sea kayak trip down the Mosel River Sunday. Price includes all rental gear, transportation and instruction. Cost is \$25 per person 12 and older. Call 452-7176 to register or for more information.

Swim team

The Eifel Sharks swim season began Saturday in the Cascade pool. The team still needs swimmers, including high school students who can earn a varsity letter. The only criterion is swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool unassisted.

Registration costs \$10 per swimmer or

\$20 per family. Monthly fees are \$35 per month, per person, with family rates also available. For more information, call Laura Darden at 06561-604768.

Sports Day

The 52nd Services Squadron sponsors its sixth annual Sports Day 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The following events take place:

■ Golf - Nine-hole shotgun start at 7:30 a.m., four-person select shot format, morning and afternoon shifts.

■ 5-kilometer run - 8 a.m. for men and women.

■ Softball - Texas one-pitch format with a 20-minute time limit starts at 8:30 a.m., 10-person teams.

■ Bowling - No handicap, total pins for three games, starts at 9 a.m.

■ Basketball - Half-court, three-on-three, 10-minute games limit start at 9 a.m.

■ Track - Events take place on the oval track next to the football field at 9 a.m., including 100-, 200- and 400-meter individual events for men and women.

■ Singles table tennis - Games start at 9 a.m. and go to 15 points or 10 minutes, whichever comes first. Play is in the community activities center.

■ Volleyball - Beach or mud volleyball, depending upon the weather, starting at 9

a.m. The 15-minute games take place on the court near the softball fields.

■ Bench press - Each lifter gets three attempts in four men's and three women's categories, beginning at 10 a.m.

■ Doubles horseshoes - Starting at 10 a.m. behind the fitness center, the first team to 15 points or 15 minutes. A ringer is three points and a leaner or within one shoe distance is one point.

■ Tug-of-war - Starting at 1:30 p.m. on the soccer field with 10 people per team.

An award ceremony follows all events at 3 p.m. in Hangar 3. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

Ski club

The Spangdahlem Ski and Snowboard Club holds its first meeting at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 5 in the community activities center.

Topics include a Thanksgiving weekend trip and other trips up to Easter weekend. For more information, e-mail skiclub@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Archery club

The Eifel Archers holds club meetings at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at the Oberweiss Annex archery range near the Pet Spa. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Hoyles at 452-7618.